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SUBJECT: SPAIN WILL ATTEND JUNE 24 BERLIN CONFERENCE IN
SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN CIVIL SECURITY

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11. Embassy shared open source information about the June 24 Berlin Conference in Support of Palestinian Civil Security and the Rule of Law with Spanish MFA Deputy Director General for the Middle East Alberto Ucelay. Spain intends to participate in the conference and attended the preparatory sessions in Berlin and Jericho. Ucelay said it is critically important to show progress to local populations and advance the themes of the Annapolis Conference.

12. Spain agrees with the need to support the development of a functioning Palestinian state and is finalizing its pledge at this time. Ucelay said that Spain views the Palestinian security sector as a fundamental pillar and will continue support through the EUPOL COPPS program. Spain already has given 10 million euros for equipment through the EUPOL COPPS mechanism in 2005. In addition, Spanish officials from the National Police and Civil Guard have participated in the EU mission.
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